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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - ROCKEFELLER REPORT; U.S. MIDEAST DIPLOMACY

1. SUMMARY. BEIRUT PAPERS OF JUNE 12-13 EVOTE

LIMITED COMMENT TO PUBLICATION OF ROCKEFELLER REPORT AND
TO U.S. MIDEAST DIPLOMACY. LEADING INDEPENDENT "AN-NAHAR"
IS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF DECISION TO WITHHOLD PUBLICATION
OF PORTIONS OF ROCKEFELLER REPORT CONCERNING FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND ATTACKS WHAT IT SEES AS ATTITUDE BEHIND THIS
DECISION. IN EARLIER COMMENT ON MIDEAST DIPLOMACY,
SAME PAPER VIEWS CHANCES OF PEACE SETTLEMENT AS REMOTE.
PRO-IRAQI "BEIRUT" ATTACKS WHAT IT SEES AS AMERICAN AND
ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO ISOLATE EGYPT AND EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE
OF THESE ATTEMPTS. ND SUMMARY.

2. COMMENTING ON PUBLICATION OF ROCKEFELLER REPORT, COLUMNIST

AMIN MA'LUF WRITES IN LEADING INDEPENDENT "AN-NAHAR" (JUNE 12):
"ROCKEFELLER REPORT SAYS CIA KEPT FILES ON ABOUT 7 MILLION
PEOPLE, INCLUDING ... 6 MILLION 885 THOUSAND ... NON-
AMERICANS.... IF THIS NUMBER IS DIVIDED IN PROPORTION TO
POPULATION OF EACH COUNTRY, SHARE OF ONE LIKE LEBANON IS
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NO LESS THAN 5000. THESE ARE NOT ALL INDANGER OF ASSASSINATION

LIKE CASTRO OR LUMUMBA, BUT NOT-SO-DISTANT EXPERIENCES LIKE CHILE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE PROVED THAT LIQUIDATIONS CAN OCCUR BY TENS OF THOUSANDS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT VARIOUS EXCESSES IN THIS FIELD ARE MUCH MORE SERIOUS AND PREVALENT THAN DOMESTIC EXCESSES. NON-AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION DOUBTLESS HAS RIGHT TO KNOW. BUT AMERICA DOES NOT BELIEVE SO, AND THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO CREATING IMAGE OF 'UBLY AMERICAN' THAT AROUSED HATRED OF MANY PEOPLES. AMERICA IS PREPARED TO TOPPLE ITS PRESIDENT BECAUSE HE COVERED UP UNLAWFUL ELECTORAL OPERATION BY REPUBLICAN PARTY AGAINST DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BUT IT IS ALSO PREPARED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO REGIMES IN WHICH CREATION OF ANY PARTY IS FORBIDDEN. AMERICA IS PREPARED TO TRY ITS FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT AND FORMER CABINET SECRETARIES ON CHARGES OF BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION, BUT AT SAME TIME IT SUPPORTS, BY FORCE OF ARMS IF NECESSARY, MOST CORRUPT AND EGGERATE REGIMES OF EACH CONTINENT. WHY? BECAUSE ONLY AMERICANS DESERVE DEMOCRACY, BECAUSE ONLY THEY DESERVE 'CLEAN' LEADERS, BECAUSE ONLY THEY DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH -- OR SOME OF ITS ASPECTS."

3. EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS EXPERT FUAD MATAR WRITES IN LEADING INDEPENDENT "AN-NAHAR" (JUNE 13): "CHANCES OF PEACE SETTLEMENT ARE REMOTE. REQUIREMENTS OF ANY SETTLEMENT ARE THAT IT BE OF JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN PREPARATION, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN CASE. U.S. SHOULD EXERCISE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL, AND THIS HAS NOT OCCURRED UP TO NOW. EGYPT'S RELATIONS WITH USSR SHOULD BE GOOD, AND THIS IS NOT SO AT PRESENT. SYRIANS SHOULD BE SURE THAT THEY WILL BENEFIT FROM SETTLEMENT IN SAME WAY OTHERS WILL. PALESTINIAN FEARS SHOULD BE ALLAYED."

4. COLUMNIST ISAM SHURAYH OF PRO-IRAQI "BEIRUT" WRITES (JUNE 12): ALL AMERICAN AND ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS SINCE OCTOBER 1973 HAVE SOUGHT ONE THING -- TO ISOLATE EGYPT FROM ARAB STRUGGLE. OF COURSE, THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE IN SHADOW OF EXULTATION FOLLOWING OCTOBER WAR.... HENCE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO PROCEED STEP-BY-STEP -- IN KISSINGER METHOD -- TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. SADAT'S TALK OF PEACE HAS GONE ON RISING AND RISING, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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EGYPTIAN REGIME HAS BEGUN TO BELIEVE ITSELF. PEACE HAS BECOME ONLY FOCUS OF ITS INTEREST."
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